

**TOWN OF NESPELEM**  
**Okanogan County, Washington**  
**January 1, 1994 Through December 31, 1995**

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**Schedule Of Findings**

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1. The Town Should Monitor Its Budget To Ensure That Expenditures Are Within Budget Appropriations

During our audit, we noted that the town's expenditures exceeded appropriations as follows:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Fund</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Amount Exceeded</u>
1994	Water/Sewer	\$64,559	\$76,424	\$11,865
1995	Current Expense	\$32,079	\$33,557	\$ 1,478

Chapter 35.33 RCW limits expenditures to budgeted appropriations. It prohibits approval of any expenditure in excess of appropriations and requires the clerk to submit quarterly reports to the town council showing the unexpended balance of the appropriations.

The clerk was not aware of the requirement to prepare a report of quarterly expenditure and budget comparisons to the town council. Since the report was not prepared, the clerk and the town council could not properly monitor the budget of these funds.

We recommend the town monitor the budget so that expenditures will not exceed appropriations. We further recommend the clerk submit a quarterly report of expenditures and budgeted appropriations to the town council.

Auditee's Response

*Town officials elected not to provide a written response to the finding. However, town officials verbally advised us that they intend to monitor the budget.*

Auditor's Concluding Remarks

The town appears to be taking measures to address our concerns. We will review the town's progress in this area during our next audit.

We wish to thank town officials and personnel for their assistance and cooperation during the audit.